

## POSITION WAR DIMINISHES ON THE PENINSULA

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[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 12.—Over four months have passed since the "position" war between the allies and the Turks, at Ari-Burnu and Seddul-Bahr started. On May 4, the Turkish troops had dug and occupied the trenches in which, with few exceptions, they are still found today.

Offensives by the allies, and counter-offensives by the Turks, have led to but slight changes in the terrain occupied immediately after the landing of the allied troops during the last week of April. At Ari-Burnu very little terrain has been lost by either side. While temporary changes have been somewhat greater and more frequent at Seddul-Bahr, both, Turks and allies, have strained constantly every resource to regain what had been lost. In most cases the allies have re-occupied lost trenches by virtue of overwhelming bombardments, while the Turks have retaken their lost trenches at the point of the bayonet, as a rule. Latterly, too, the sapper's mine has been often employed by both sides when a trench of the opponent had to be taken, or when a trench had to be re-occupied.

Recently "position" fighting on the Gallipoli peninsula has diminished to what may be termed its minimum. The Turks have not pressed the allies, because, for the time being, little was to be gained by driving the French and English forces from the peninsula. It has been argued here, that, so long as the allies are at Ari-Burnu and Seddul-Bahr, other landing operations elsewhere are unlikely. The allies landed on the peninsula under the cover of a naval artillery fire the violence of which has not yet been forgotten by the Turks. To have the same experience on some other part of the European or Asiatic coast, does not appeal to the Turks.

Meanwhile the naval and land artillery of the allies is no longer as active as it has been in the past. The action radius of both arms has been greatly limited by the nearness to one another of the opposing trenches. Several weeks ago, the Turks and allies tried to make bombardment of the other side's trenches easy and safe by marking their own trenches with little white signs. The first step in this direction was taken by the Turks. But the allies soon discovered what had been done, and placed similar signs along the trenches. Then the British and French trenches were marked with a light-yellow sign for the guidance of the allied naval and land artillery. The Turks learned of this and placed similar signs along their own trenches. Several bombardments attempted after that led to shelling one's own positions. Since then the trench has become the safest place against artillery fire near the front.

That the artillery markers, the signs spoken of, are of no value when exposed by both sides, is due to the fact that the lines of trenches run in and out of one another, and that, usually, either side must so label several trenches running parallel to the advance position which established the boundary of the terrain that may be shelled without endangering friendly troops in jeopardy. This condition is largely responsible for the long spell of inactivity which the allied fleet has had, though the presence of the German submarines has also had a deterrent effect. Everything considered, it may be said that under present conditions, the Turkish artillery on the peninsula can do as much work as the numerically greatly superior allied artillery.

On the British and French troops this has had no good influence. As an in-

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## Steamer Santa Anna Is Reported Afire At Sea

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

HALIFAX, Sept. 12.—The French steamer Santa Anna is on fire at sea, according to a wireless received by the marine department from the Cape Race station late tonight. The message said the "steamer Santa Anna in distress, on fire, needs assistance. Position latitude 46°22 north, longitude 37°30 west.

The position given is in the track of the trans-Atlantic liners. The Santa Anna is of 5,242 tons and the owner is the Fabre line. Captain Pavy is in command.

## BANDIT KILLS SELF AFTER ALL NIGHT IN BATTLE WITH POLICE

### ANNOUNCE MEMBERSHIP OF ADVISORY BOARD

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—Membership of the naval advisory board and organization of experts nominated by eleven great engineering and scientific societies to contribute their inventive genius to the American navy, has been announced by Secretary Daniels. The first meeting will be at the navy department on October 6, with Chairman Thomas A. Edison presiding. The board consists of two representatives from each society.

## PANAMANIAN ARE OUT STRONG FOR BERMUDEZ

Former Governor of Colon, Indicted for Illicit Transactions with John Burke, Strongly Backed in Protest Against Arrest.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—According to reports from Panama, Ricardo Bermudez, former governor of Colon, who has been indicted at Indianapolis, charged with illicit transactions with John Burke while the latter was manager of the canal commissary department, is getting strong backing from the Panamanians to his protest against his arrest by the American authorities. Bermudez claims that he was kidnapped. Adjoining the city of Panama is a strip of territory known as Las Sabanas that formerly belonged to the Canal Zone but later was ceded to Panama in exchange for harbor rights at Colon. It appears that Bermudez, while in Las Sabanas, was arrested by the American police who took him to Ancon, where he gave bail before the district court by giving his appearance in New York where he was first indicted.

The American police claim they had the right to seize Bermudez in Las Sabanas, Panama having not at that time taken possession. Even if they were wrong in arresting him, they allege, Bermudez waived his rights when he accepted jurisdiction of the American courts by giving bail. The question will be settled at the Federal court in Indianapolis next winter, but meanwhile it has created a heated controversy on the Isthmus.

Another interesting Panama row involves the ownership of land sold to the government, and so unusual are the occurrences leading up to the struggle that charges have been filed with the War Department against the district attorney of the Zone, Charles R. Williams. From reports received from Colon, it appears that an old principle of law scarcely ever heard of in late years was invoked last month in the Canal Zone District Court, sitting at Cristobal, whereby two alleged criminals were allowed to escape punishment. It appears that last winter the defendants executed conveyances of an interest in real estate, owned by them in the Zone. One of the conveyances was recorded, and the government of the Zone was notified by the purchasers of both deeds. A few weeks ago the accused men sold the property

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## COLLEGE PREPARATORY WORK TO BE PART OF HIGH SCHOOL

In order to make the Phoenix Union High School an institution calculated to prepare for college as well as "life," Principal R. T. Cook announces today, the addition of courses giving college entrance credits. A complete side course, including the fifteen credits necessary to the college freshman, will be offered beginning today, so that students may get with their regular high school work, those studies needed in case they should desire to pursue their educational work further.

This course will stretch over the regular four years, and will include: Four years of English. Two years of mathematics. Two years of language. Two years of science.

One year of history, and other studies to round out the remainder of the fifteen credits. Speaking of the new course, which is to be his "hobby" this year, Principal Cook said last night:

"Hitherto the requirements for graduation here have not been the same as those for entrance into college. Nor will they be the same under the new system. By installing the extra courses, however, we have made it possible for a student in the course of his regular high school studies, to select such classes as will fit him for any college. In other words, Phoenix high will now be a preparatory school as well as a high or intermediate school." So cleverly have the classes been arranged, they add nothing to the

Many Reservists Aboard

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—Between sixteen and seventeen hundred Italian reservists are passengers on the Santa Anna bound from New York for Mediterranean ports, reported afire at sea, according to local agents of the line. The ship also carried a large cargo of merchandise. It is stated the ship carried no munitions of war or inflammable materials of any kind. The cargo consisted chiefly of foodstuffs. Nearly all the reservists were among the steerage passengers and comparatively few were first or second cabin passengers.

George Nelson, Last of Suspects in Los Angeles Bank Robbery Case, Be-sieged in Rooming House in San Francisco.

### ROOM RIDDLED WITH BULLETS

From Home of Methodist Bishop Police Direct the Searchlight and Rifle Fire—Two Other Suspects Are Arrested.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 12.—A thrilling six-hour battle between sixty police and George Nelson aged twenty-five, who is wanted for complicity in the robbery last month of a Los Angeles bank, ended at dawn when Nelson's bullet-riddled body was found stretched on a cot in a rooming house. He had ended his own life by sending a bullet through his head. The house where the bandit successfully fled the police at bay since before midnight is in a populous residential district.

Hugh MacBeth, a lodger who attempted to escape from the building when the battle between the bandit and the police began was shot twice through the head, probably fatally, by cross fire. Policeman Hammond was shot through the arm and leg by Nelson. All night long the police directed an intermittent fire into Nelson's room from an upper window of the home of Bishop Hughes of the Methodist Episcopal church, across the street, and from adjacent windows and house-tops.

A powerful searchlight was placed in the window of the Hughes home, directly facing the bandit's room, and by its glare the police centered their fire more, or less accurately. Shot-guns, repeating rifles, and revolvers were used, and hardly a square inch of Nelson's room escaped the raking fire. Shortly before four the police heard a single shot, then no further response from Nelson.

At daybreak the room was ransacked. Three automatic revolvers and a quantity of ammunition were on a table near the body. The floor was littered with glass and splintered wood, and the walls were riddled by shot.

Nelson had been wounded in the right elbow. Four hundred dollars of the loot of the bank were found in the room.

The police learned of Nelson's whereabouts through the arrest of William Juber, a companion in the robbery, who the police say made a complete confession.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 12.—William Calish, twenty-nine, who since boyhood has been a companion of William Juber, the bank robber suspect held by the San Francisco police and Mary Sigel, a sweetheart of Calish, were arrested here. Both are being held by the police on suspicion of being implicated in the robbery of the Boyle Heights branch of the Home Savings Bank on August 26.

Calish was taken into custody at his home in Hollywood, where the police said Juber also lived from the time he came here from Seattle until the day of the robbery. Miss Sigel was arrested as she was hurrying home to Calish to inform him of the arrest of Juber in San Francisco and the battle between Nelson and the police. Calish declared he was working for a motion picture company on the day of the robbery.

## YUAN SHI KAI SOON TO LOSE WAR MINISTER

Announcement Made That General Tian Chi-Jui, Minister of War, Is Soon to Leave Cabinet of China's President.

### HIS NAME IN GOLDEN BOX

Was One of Three Yuan Shi Kai Had Selected as His Successor—Wonder Expressed Will Choice Be Continued.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

PEKING, Sept. 12.—Great surprise has been caused in China by the announcement that General Tian Chi-Jui, the minister of war, is soon to leave President Yuan Shi-kai's cabinet. He has been one of President Yuan's closest friends and it is generally believed that the chief executive once placed the general's name in the golden box containing the names of the three men from whom a successor to Yuan Shi-kai will be selected.

Rumor has it that General Tian and President Yuan disagreed over matters relating to the recent demands Japan made upon China, but there have been no official explanations or statements. There is much speculation as to whether the removal of the general to a provincial position also means that his name will come out of the golden box. It is President Yuan's policy never to dismiss a high official, but to transfer him. By this holding influential men in the public service he disarms them.

The two other men whose names are popularly believed to have been put into the golden box by President Yuan are General Li Yuan-hang, vice president (who has resigned from the vice-presidency according to a cable dispatch Sept. 1) and Lu Chang-shiang, minister for foreign affairs. This system of designating a successor is a relic of the Manchu dynasty. It was adopted by President Yuan Shi-kai in the new presidential election law promulgated last year.

Under this law the president writes the three names of approved successors upon a golden plate, after having canvassed the will of the public carefully and decided which men are most in favor. The plate bearing the names is placed in a golden box in a stone house in the residence of

### HIS WAR MINISTER WILL SOON RETIRE



Yuan Shi Kai.

the president. He has the only key to the golden box, while the vice-president, the secretary of state and the president all have keys to the stone house.

Presidential elections are to take place once in ten years. Fifty members of the senate and a similar number from the house, all to be elected by members of the two respective bodies, compose the electoral college. To this college the president submits the names of the three men of his choice and the first candidate who gets a two-thirds vote is declared elected.

The electoral college may also vote for the re-election of the incumbent president, as well as for the three candidates he submits, if it so desires. If the president should resign or die in office, the vice-president becomes acting president and assumes charge of the golden box.

Duties of any of the instructors, nor any expense to the school.

One reason the high school has not heretofore laid any stress on preparing for college, has been the attention paid to the very excellent commercial and agricultural schools. These two branches will not be slighted in any way this year, however.

## BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR A SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL YEAR TODAY

Sound of School Bell Will Summon Record Classes to the Study Room This Morning—High and Public Schools Under Way—Big Registration Looked For—School System in Good Shape to Handle Students This Year—Big Staff of Best Instructors Retained.

Facing the greatest registration in history, the Phoenix school system today becomes active for the season of 1915-16. High and public schools were reported yesterday to be in the best possible shape for a fine year's work. An unusually high class of instructors has been retained. Registration will be heavy.

Phoenix has today the finest public schools of any city anywhere near its size. Its recent progress has been amazing. The standard of work is a thing to boast of. This, in a measure accounts for the extremely large registration, said by some census experts to be in advance of the population, but explained here by the unusually large number of students coming from other cities and from the populous rural districts.

With a complete teaching force in readiness to assume their duties this morning, every preparation has been made for the opening of the Phoenix public schools. The various buildings have been thoroughly renovated and everything is spick and span to receive the pupils when they report for assignments.

There have been no extensive changes in the faculty. The majority of the teachers of last year having returned. A new principal will be found at Central school in the person of Miss Grace Court, who has been advanced from the teaching force. Mr. Matthews has been assigned to the principalship of the Adams school, having been transferred from Central school.

Superintendent John D. Loper is confident that in many respects the ensuing year will be a remarkable period in the history of the Phoenix public schools. He is confident there will be a record breaking enrollment for the year. The enrollment of last year was in the neighborhood of 4,000 pupils and that figure bids fair to be exceeded this year.

The general administration of the schools will remain the same. The courses will be identical with those of last year. There have been some changes in the redistricting of the schools the school boundaries being altered in some instances. Description of the new boundaries of the several school districts was published in The Republican Thursday morning.

Parents of prospective pupils are urged to have their children report at their respective schools this morning at 9 o'clock and not delay for a few days as is so often done. This will facilitate registration and assignment to school rooms. It would be well for the pupils to bring their grade certificates showing from what grade they passed last year.

Following are the assignments of teachers as announced yesterday by Superintendent Loper:

**Monroe School**  
Mr. Rummel, arithmetic; Miss Clark, drawing, penmanship and physiology; Miss Nyberg, geography, English and spelling; Miss Smith, geography, English and spelling; Miss Smith, history and reading; Miss Smith, geography, English and physiology; Miss Moore, reading, physiology and history; Miss Huff, sixth B; Miss Campbell, sixth B; Miss Mullen, fifth A; Miss Bernice Smith, fifth B; Miss Margaret McMartin, fifth B; Miss Chrisman, fourth A; Miss Ethel McMartin, fourth A; Miss Eulalia Laird, fourth B; Miss Drake, fourth B; Miss Earnest, third A; Miss Calhoun, third A; Miss Welch, third B.

**Adams School**  
H. E. Matthews, history and civics; Miss Wahl, history and spelling; Miss McCormac, drawing and physiology; Miss Behn, geography; Miss Hobbs, music and reading; Miss Linker, English, spelling and penmanship; Miss Weaver, English; Miss King, sixth B; Miss Pickles, fifth A; Miss McNulty, fifth B; Mrs. Buchman, fifth B; Miss (Continued on Page Eight)

## SAYS CENTRAL POWERS HAVE SUPERIOR WAR EQUIPMENT

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]  
LONDON, Sept. 12.—That the central powers still have overwhelming superiority in all material and equipment of war, and that the allies to win must put forth all their strength is the statement of David Lloyd George, Minister of Munitions in the preface of a book containing his speeches since the outbreak of the war, entitled "Through Terror to Triumph."

After twelve months of war, says the minister, "my conviction is stronger than ever this country could not have kept out of it without imperiling its security and its honor."

In reference to the resources of the allies, he said "It would be idle to pretend the first twelve months of the war has seen the task accomplished satisfactorily. Had the allies realized in time the full strength of their redoubtable and resourceful foes, nay, what is more, had they realized their own strength, and resources and taken prompt action to organize them, today we should witness the triumphant spectacle of our guns pouring out a stream of shot and shell which would have deluged the German trenches, and scorched the German

## NO SIGNS OF WANING OF THE BIG BATTLES

Engagements Still Continue Along Eastern Front, Running Directly North and South from Riga to Rumanian Frontier.

### GERMANS AFTER RAILWAY LINES

Russians Continue Their Offensive with Good Results While Teutons Are Making Slow But Steady Progress Near Slonim.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

LONDON, Sept. 12.—There is still no sign of waning in the battles being fought along the eastern front running directly north and south from Riga to the Rumanian frontier. From Riga southward to the Galician border the Germans and Austrians who are continually receiving reinforcements, supplies and munitions by railway and river, are endeavoring to force the way to the Dvina and the main track of important railway lines.

The Russians continue their offensive, according to their accounts with excellent results. The Teutonic offensive is making slow but steady progress particularly along the road to Slonim and Pinsk. Elsewhere the Germans daily recount the capture of a few thousand prisoners with machine guns.

The Germans big effort, however, is expected to be made against Vilna and Dvinsk, westward of which towns heavy engagements are being fought. The Russians are increasing their activities in the Caucasus. It is believed the arrival of Grand Duke Nicholas will be the signal of more important operations which will lessen the burden of the allies who are trying to force the Dardanelles. No report has been received from the latter front for upward of a week although it is apparent from the Turkish reports there has been considerable fighting. The artillery engagements continue in the west.

**Col. Locarde Dead**  
DUNKIRK, France, Sept. 12.—The death is announced of Lieutenant Colonel Locarde, a distinguished French artillery expert. His death is said to have been due to overwork. During the present war he introduced several new forms of high explosive projectiles for close trench fighting. His is also the credit for the invention of the hydro-pneumatic brake which is the most novel and important feature of the famous French.

**Paulhan Promoted**  
BELGRADE, Serbia, Sept. 12.—M. Paulhan, the French aviator who was sent to Serbia several months ago by the French air service to assist the Serbian army, has been promoted to the rank of captain for gallant conduct in bringing down an Austrian aeroplane.

M. Paulhan gave up flying two years ago, after winning a \$50,000 long distance flight contest in England, and retired to a farm on the Riviera, where he grew flowers for the London market. He volunteered for the air service, however, at the beginning of the war.

**Food in Brussels**  
BRUSSELS, Sept. 12.—Thanks to the splendid work of the American Relief Fund, there is plenty of food in Brussels, and nobody is starving. There is, indeed, no lack of anything, although prices are high.

The consumption of bread is controlled by law, but it is of good quality and ample in quantity. Some moving picture theatres are open, but the regular theatres are all closed. Telegrams cannot be sent or received; the postoffice is under control of the German military authorities.

A large number of German civilians have come to the city and many of them have found employment, but all the municipal services are still worked by the Belgians, and Belgians also police the streets under German military control.

**New Greek Parliament In Many Respects A Novelty**

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]  
ATHENS, Greece, Sept. 12.—The new Greek Parliament, which is meeting here to consider some of the most momentous problems in the country's history, is in many respects a novelty. It represents, for the first time, the new and greater Greece created as a result of the Balkan wars. Its membership, for example, is 216, as against the previous Parliament's 186, and the numbers represent sections of the Hellenic world as far apart as Crete and Macedonia.

One of the new members comes from Tenedos, which is within sight and hearing of the greater part of the Dardanelles fighting. No legislative assembly in the world is more picturesque in its variety of costume than this new Greek Parliament. There are the Cretans, in ample blue raiment; the Turkish Greek members from Macedonia, wearing the fez; the black garbed Rodiots, with turbans, the officers of the Athens garrison, in white uniforms; and finally the head of the Orthodox church, in robes of purple